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On the 16th February, at Yokohama, the wife
of CHAS. F. GARRY, of a son.

MAURIA.

On the 23rd February, at the Holy Trinity
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to HARRIET STUART, second daughter of Dr.

THOMAS HALL TRIPPLE, of Yokohama.

The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, 28th February, 1903.

EVEN so inert a body as the Chinese
Government is slowly and gradually
discovering that it must do something
towards the reform of its currency, and we
hear of various tentative measures being
recommended at Peking. Unfortunately
all are characterised by an inability of
power to grasp the situation, and the
disposition towards half measures, which
under the conditions, instead of alleviating,
will rather tend to aggravate the disease.
Of these the scheme which has seemed to
meet with most favour is one of a tael
currency proposed by Yuan Shikai, which
in addition to the complications it would
propose to add, would tally with none of
the taels already current. Yuan then
proposes to issue, under imperial authority,
a tael which shall be of the standard
Kuping weight, that is the universal weight
of the monetary tael, 579.85 oz. troy, but
shall contain one-tenth alloy, that is 900
fine. The very idea, which has perhaps
been impressed on him from without, shows
a lamentable ignorance of the methods of
account universally current in China. The
monetary tael in China, it is necessary to
reiterate, is a standard weight throughout
the Empire, and does not vary. The
local tael (money) is weighed by the
standard tael weight, but not only does the
"fineness" vary in different localities, but
certain allowances of weight have become
customary. In estimating thus a Shanghai
tael, we find, in the first instance by old

custom an *ad misericordiam* allowance of
some 2 per cent. has to be added, 98 taels
counting as 100, while the fineness is taken
as 916; we thus arrive at 520.52 as the
actual amount of pure silver contained in
the local tael. As however the Chinese
Government demands pure silver, the
Shanghai tael is only accepted at a
discount, and has to be multiplied by 1.114,
which is the amount fixed by the local
regulations. With the proposed new tael,
we should still be in the same dilemma, the
only difference being that instead of
multiplying by 1.114, we should now have
to multiply by 1.111 to obtain the standard.
To make the proposed tael, in fact, equiv-
alent to the standard Government tael, and
assuming the "touch" to be as suggested,
900 fine, we should require a tael of 644.28
grains. Such a coin, assuming that exchange
did not enter into consideration, would
certainly not fulfil all the requirements of the
situation, and might be accepted in pay-
ment of all dues or other payments to the
Government.

This, however, though doubtless a conve-
nience to the payer of duties, would afford
no assistance to the Chinese Government
itself, nor could it in any way relieve that
Government from the necessity of exporting
silver to make up the adverse balance still
standing against it. By carefully manipu-
lating the amount coined, it is true, it might
contrive to keep the tael at a corresponding
ratio with regard to gold, as the Indian
Government contrives to do with its rupees;
but to do so would require an amount of
knowledge of the principles of currency such
as the Chinese as a Government have never
displayed, as well as an ability to resist the
temptation of over-issue to which as a
people they have ever been strangers, and
which is quite at variance with all their tradi-
tion. So long as the current tael stood at a
level, however infinitesimal, above the true
value there would be a temptation to over-
issue. This temptation of course exists in
every case where the face value of a currency
is in excess of its intrinsic value. We have
only too many examples of the process in
the case of over-issue of currency notes,
from the after effects of which many of the
principal nations of the world are only just
now recovering, but the principle is the
same, whether an inferior metal or mere
paper is intended to bear a face value out
of proportion with its intrinsic worth.
However convenient and profitable such a
currency might prove to the debtors of the
State, it is absolutely valueless, unless
effectual steps could be taken to maintain
its par value, to restore the mercantile
credit of the country in its foreign relations;
and the Chinese Government has yet to
prove that it possesses the necessary will,
even if it had the power, to provide the
required safeguards.

Even, however, did China by any reform
of her home currency succeed in placing
her internal affairs on a sounder basis than
at present exists, this would be of little
service to her in her foreign relations. It
is quite possible that for all home affairs
her new tael could be made capable of being
maintained at an invariable value, but no
power on earth could make it interchang-
able all the world over. In the markets of
the world silver is valued, like all other
commodities, for what it is worth. Lately
owing to excesses supply the price of silver
has had a distinct tendency to fall, and it
requires little knowledge of finance to
understand that any artificial circumstance
that would lead to an enforced sale would
as a necessary consequence lead to a still
further drop—probably out of all proportion
to the amount placed on the market. Now it is
the case that China, owing to the
complications that surround her, is in the
position of having regularly to place silver
bullion on the European markets to be sold
to the highest bidder. The question is a
difficult one, and quite independent of her
internal currency; it is the pressing question
of the hour, and dawdling about any subject
of less urgency is of little more avail
than was Nero's fiddling in the face of
burning Rome. In fact, as long as China
so regulates her trade with foreign nations
that she is compelled to place on a
foreign market any of her silver, so long
must the course of exchange be against her,
provided, of course, that she obstinately
continues to confound her currency on a falling
metal. The assimilation of her currency to
the rest of the world would of course result
in silver taking its place as a mere mercantile
export, and so becoming a matter of secondary
importance that might be left to effect its
own cure. As the silver export now stands,
China is sending abroad her own life-blood,
and thereby increasing the disadvantages of
her present position, for as the necessary
circulating medium is becoming more
difficult to obtain on the spot, in like proportion
is it losing its purchasing power abroad.
Now this, and not the mere
regulation of currency at home, is the pres-
sing need of the moment, and this, rather
than the reform of a currency from which
comparatively little loss is felt, would be
more consonant with China's need.

What China momentarily wants is a safe
method of adjusting her accounts with the
nations of the world; and as we have before
remarked she can only accomplish this by
such an effective opening of her foreign
trade as will suffice to fill the gaps caused
by her late reckless policy.

We are without news which would enable
us to say precisely what are the reasons for
the degradation of the celebrated Acting
Viceroy of the Two Kiang provinces,
CHANG CHIH-TUNG, which is mentioned in
the special telegram from London we
published to-day, but it possibly has reference
to the grand review recently undertaken by
him of all the modern-drilled forces of the
Yangtze provinces, conjointly with all the
Nanyang and a part of the Peiyang squad-
ron of the Navy. It appears that owing to
the spreading of false reports representing
the manoeuvres of the troops as serious
warfare, the population became panic-
stricken and fled from their villages, many
children being drowned in order to enable
their parents to flee the faster. The entire
blame was quite unanswerably put upon the
shoulders of the Viceroy, and the correspondent
of the *N.C. Daily News* who sends from Kiangyin an account of the affair
remarks:—"It is safe to say no other person
in China has been reviled as much as
CHANG CHIH-TUNG in the past 40 hours."

It is not unlikely, therefore, that the
Viceroy's degradation has been brought
about by reason of this occurrence. The
Globe may well be severe in its comments
on the passivity of the British Foreign
Office in regard to affairs in China, but
when we remember that Sir ERNEST SATOW,
H.B.M.'s Minister to Peking, is now at home
on leave of absence, we may be assured that
vigorous action will be taken to secure the
re-instatement of one who has done more to
encourage reform in China than any other
living official.

The Portguese gunboat *Dia* arrived from
New York to China with a valuable American cargo,
put into Cadiz with part of the cargo on
fire. She was recently taken over by her
present owners, Messrs. Squires and Co. The
Sagami was built for the owners of the *Satsuma*,
which also suffered from fire a few months ago
and is still under repair. The fire had not
yet been extinguished by the 30th ult., and
appeared to be serious as the vessel had moved
into shallow water in case it might be necessary
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According to a telegram appearing in the
Shanghai Times, a big fire broke out in the
city of Hangchow on the night of the 18th
inst. in which over 2,000 houses were destroyed.

Sir Thomas Jackson has been appointed on
the Mansion House Commission to report on
the question of removing S. Bartholomew's
Hospital or rebuilding on the present site.

Four cases of plague, all Chinese, all fatal,
were reported yesterday up to noon as having
occurred within the previous 24 hours. The
cases came respectively from Kennedy Street,
Amoy Lane, Yan Shau Lane and Hunghom
West. These bring the year's total up to 30.

Commenting on the recent meeting of the
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce
convened to consider the currency question, the
Singapore Free Press observes:—"The fact that
even in Hongkong, where the influences making
for retaining the actual currency conditions are
far stronger than in the Straits, a majority of
opinion is for a critical revision of these conditions,
has an indirect effect in strengthening
the case in the Straits for fixation of our
currencies."

The Manila *Cablenews* mentions that although
the *Rosetta Maru* encountered unusually heavy
seas on the last trip, "twenty prize robbers
were landed in a most gay and frisky humour."
Our contemporary explains that "Mr. Prising,
of local fame as a horse fancier, conceived the
idea of rejuvenating the local ponies by being
a very prompt bidder in the kingdom of horses
when the latter were auctioned in Hongkong.
They are all record horses and the price paid
was a good one."

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and
officers, the band of the 33rd Burma Infantry
will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-night,
from 8 to 9.30. Programme:—
March..... "Marche Roizaine"..... Gounod
Overture..... "The Sappho Necklace"..... Sullivan
Selection..... "Three Little Maids"..... Elkins
Song..... "The Everlasting Day"..... Bevan
Selection..... "The Gay Parisienne"..... Ivan Caryll
Waltz..... "Gloire de Dijon"..... Andrew
EXTRA.....
Dance..... "Country Dance"..... King Hall
"God Save the King."

On Saturday morning last as some coolies
were removing the sweepings of gunpowder
scattered over the floor of a magazine, belong-
ing to the old fort of Woosung—since dem-
olished—to make way for the new railway
extension in that vicinity, an explosion suddenly
occurred, severely burning two of the coolies.
It appeared, the *N.C. Daily News* says, that one
of them was smoking a cigarette, ignorant
or careless of the danger following such action,
while working, and then had tossed the still
lighted end of the cigarette on the floor, which
so happened to contain a small pile of the
sweepings preparatory to being put into an
empty keg placed ready to receive this loose
gunpowder. Naturally there was an explosion
but fortunately for all concerned and the re-
sidents in that neighbourhood the hundreds of
kg of powder which the magazine previously
held had already been removed, the day before,
the loose sweepings only remaining, when the
explosion took place. As it was two coolies
(one of whom was the man who had been the
cause of the accident) were severely burned,
one of them, it is feared, fatally so.

The flag of the 17th French Colonial Regi-
ment, which took part in the China expedition,
was deposited with due formality in the
Invalides on 24th ult.

Sub-Lieutenants V. F. Gibbs and C. C. Dix
have been promoted to the rank of lieutenant in
His Majesty's Fleet for services during the
operations in North China in 1900.

Vice-Admiral Tyroff, a former Russian
admiral on the Far Eastern Station, and com-
manding the Black Sea Division of the Russian
fleet, died at Sebastopol on 24th ult.

Two recent weddings at Nagasaki excited
unusual interest. In the one Mr. E. H. Holmes,
the Acting British Consul, was married to Miss
Ina Leslie, late of Shanghai, and in the other
Mr. R. F. Inman, of Messrs. Holmes, Ringer &
Co., was united to Miss Nellie M. Dow, sister
of Mr. J. M. Dow.

The Korean Government has rejected the
Russian application for the concession for the
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The following programme of music will be
played by the band of the 1st Sherwood Forces
on the New Parade Ground, on Monday
next, from 4 to 5.30 p.m.:—

March..... "Les Soldats qui Passent"..... Costa
Overture..... "Crown Diamonds"..... Author
Selection..... "Florodora"..... Stuart
Piccolo Solo..... "adagio"..... Damare
Selection..... "Dorothy"..... Callier
Valse..... "Dans un Kisi"..... Berger
EXTRA.....
Regimental March..... "The Young May Moon".....
"God Save the King."

SIR LIANG CHENG.

His Excellency Sir Chen Tung Liang Cheng,
K.C.M.G., the new Chinese Minister to the
United States, sailed on the a.s. *Korea* yesterday
from San Francisco. H.F. left the Hongkong
Hotel at half-past ten and went off to the liner
in Messrs. Shaw, Savill & Albion's launch *Kao-
cheong*, accompanied by the Hon. Wei Yuk, Mr.
Fung Wa Chin and others. The Minister was
escorted to the steamer by dozens of launches
and there was a tremendous fusillade of crackers
and other fireworks. Over 1,000 people joined
in the send-off, which was a hearty one.

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Dr. J. C. Thomson, secretary of the above,
Institution, sends us the programme of classes
arranged for the session commencing on Mon-
day, 2nd March. Dr. Pearce will lecture on
"Public Health," Dr. Thomson on "Chem-
istry," Dr. MacLean Gibson on "Anatomy"
and the senior students, on "Osteology,"

Dr. Hunter on "Pathology," Dr. Dennis on
"Surgery," Dr. R. Gibson on "Medicine,"

Surgeon Sawdy, R.N., on "Surgical Anatomy,"

Dr. Lambell, R.A.M.C., on "Physiology,"

Dr. Jordan on "Midwifery," Hon. Dr. Ha-
ki, C.M.G., on "Medical Jurisprudence," and

Dr. Harston on "Materia Medica." Clinical
work will be done daily at the Alice Memorial
and Nethersole Hospitals.

FOOTBALL.

This afternoon on the Happy Valley the

Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S.
Ocean and *Tobruk*, under Rugby rules. Kick-off

at 4 p.m. The Club will play in striped jerseys,

and will be represented by the following:—

Arthur, full back; Robertson, Parker, Camp-
bell, and Lomaxand, three-quarters; Jordan,
and Stephens, halves; Halifax, Wolfe, Chand,
Morgan, Drake, Strover, Binyon, and Clark,
forwards.

Representatives of the football teams of

H.M.S. *Argonaut*, *Glory*, and *Ocean*, and of

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held yesterday afternoon in the Council Chamber. Present:—
His Excellency the Governor, Sir Henry A. Blaikie, G.C.M.G.
His Excellency Sir W. Gascoigne, K.C.M.G. (Commanding the Troops).
Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).
Hon. Sir Henry Spencer Berkeley, K.T. (Attorney-General).
Hon. A. M. Thomson (Colonial Treasurer).
Hon. Commander R. M. Rumsey, R.N. (Harbour Master).
Hon. W. Chatham (Director of Public Works).
Hon. F. J. Badeley (Captain Superintendent of Police).
Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G.
Hon. Wm. A. Yuk.
Hon. C. S. Sharp.
Hon. C. W. Dickson.
Hon. R. E. Stewart.
Mr. R. E. Johnston (Acting Clerk of Councils).
MEMBER SWORN IN.—The Hon. F. J. Badeley took the oath and resumed his seat in the Council.

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS.

The Hon. R. G. Stewart gave notice of the following questions to be asked at next meeting of the Council:—(1) Will the Colonial Secretary inform the Council when the land settlement in the New Territory was commenced? (2) Will the Colonial Secretary give an explanation of the delay in settling this matter, about four years, having elapsed since the date of the concession?

FINANCIAL.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minute No. 3, and moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 1), and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was carried.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL.—Sir, I beg to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, 1899, and to amend the Merchant Shipping Amendment Ordinance, 1901. The Bill was introduced to further amend the Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, 1899, and to amend the Merchant Shipping Amendment Ordinance, with suggestions and directions from the Secretary of State and to meet certain requirements arising since the passing of the Ordinance of 1899. It was thought desirable to bring our legislation as far as possible into line on this subject with Imperial legislation; in fact, it is not only desirable, it is absolutely essential. At the present moment there is a Bill before His Majesty the King, awaiting his decision as to its fate, which was passed by the Council in 1901, and before that Bill is dealt with finally we have considered it necessary to further legislate in order to amend it, and the Bill before the Council is one to give effect to amendments we considered essential to making our local shipping legislation perfect in the sense of being identical with that of the mother country.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a second time.

The Council then went into committee on the Bill, and on resuming, there having been only a few minor amendments, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE PUNISHMENT OF FLOGGING.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL.—Sir, I beg to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the laws relating to the punishment of flogging. The object is to make the law respecting the punishment of flogging, wherever administered, the same throughout the whole Empire, to regulate sentences of flogging; and to limit the number of strokes which may be awarded by any such sentence.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a second time.

The Council then went into committee on the Bill which, on the Council resuming, was read a third time and passed.

FUGITIVE CRIMINALS.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL.—Sir, I now beg to make the third motion standing in my name; that for the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the surrender of fugitive criminals from the territory of each of the Malay States—Perak, Selangor, Pahang and Negri Sembilan. The object of the Bill is announced by its title, and it is to provide for the surrender to each of the four Federated Malay States of fugitive criminals from those States.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion, and the Bill was read a second time.

The Council then went into committee on the Bill, and no amendment having been made, when the Council resumed the Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE JURY LIST.

The Council considered privately the revision of the Jury List.

The Council adjourned.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the Council, the Colonial Secretary (chairman) presiding.

There was only one item down for consideration, a minute in which the Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$1,55, to meet the cost for the current year of an agency of the Hongkong Post Office established at Chefoo, from 1st January:—

Salary for Post Office Agent, 1st January to 31st December, \$1,200.00
Incidental expenses, \$150.00
Office fittings and one safe 200.00
Total, \$1,550.00

The vote was agreed to. This was all the business.

THE APRIL RACE MEETING.

The Stewards of the Jockey Club have published the programme for the one-day Meeting, to be held on 4th April. It is as follows:—

Two races open to all China ponies.

One race open to China subscription geldings this season, winners of any official race barred.

One race open to all horses. Handicaps; any height.

Two races open to all subscription wagers of this season. Handicaps.

Entries close on 15th March. Full details will be announced later.

TELEPHONE SERVICE TO KOWLOON.

N.W. CABLE LAID.

Another step forward in the development of Kowloon has just been made by the laying of a telephone cable for public service from Hongkong to the other side of the Harbour. This has been done by the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd., whose enterprise deserves generous support at the hands of the colonial community. The need for telephone connection between Hongkong and her "suburb" is unquestioned; it has in fact been a crying need for a long time. Now the Telephone Company have surmounted the difficulties that lay in the way and within a few months a subscriber in Hongkong will be able to converse with his friend and fellow-subscriber in Kowloon without recourse to the Star Ferry. The cable which has just been laid is the heaviest ever put down in the neighbourhood. It weighs about eight tons and is of the eight-core kind. As with the other cables which cross the Harbour, it is placed within the protected cable area, 300 yards or so wide, running from North Point (beyond Bayview Hotel) to Hungshon. Within this strip no vessel is allowed to anchor, it being protected by lights at night and notice-boards during the day. There are all cables are laid. At present it may be interesting to mention, there are three single-wire telephone cables in existence—one belonging to the police, one to the Dock Company connecting with both Hungshon and Metropolitan Docks, and the third to the Godown Company.

The actual laying of the new cable was carried out without a hitch and was accomplished under the superintendence of Mr. W. Stuart Harrison, the manager. The cable was coiled up on board a big junk, and a steam launch provided the locomotive power. When the end of the cable was made fast on shore the junk was towed forward and as she progressed the cable was paid out gradually and in such a manner as to prevent accumulations of "slack." When the other side was reached the remainder of the cable was taken ashore and the end made fast in the cable-house erected for the purpose. The cable is a little over a mile long. Owing to the distance of the cable from the central part of the Colony, it will be necessary for the Telephone Company to construct about five miles of land lines, three on this side and two in Kowloon. On the Kowloon side the exchange will be in the rather oddly shaped building which most people in the Colony must have noticed at one time or another in Cameron Road opposite Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co.'s new dispensary. It should be mentioned that the important operation of testing the new cable has been carried out by Mr. H. Warren of the Telegraph Company with, we understand, satisfactory results.

THE BROUH COMPANY.

Playgoers have no cause to complain about lack of variety of the programme issued each week by Mr. Brough. The repertoire of this company is somewhat remarkable. During the past ten nights the actor-manager has staged three plays, and it is now understood that during the remaining short term of his season, no fewer than eleven pieces will be presented in rapid succession. To-night and Monday next *Mrs. Dane's Defence* will be the attraction. As has already been pointed out, the new work is a particularly strong one, the third act being indeed quite "sensational." The casts of characters this evening will be precisely the same as that which has interpreted the play throughout the recent Australian tour, and is as follows:—

Sir Daniel (Mr. Justice Carteret) Mr. Brough
Lionel Carteret (his adopted son) Mr. Ernest Vere
Cassandra Mr. Leslie Vizard
Mr. Brough Mr. W. T. Lovell
Fendick (a Private Inquiry Agent) Mr. Orlando Daly
Adams (Butler to Lady Astney) Mr. Percy Walsh
Wilson (Butler to Sir Daniel) Mr. McLean
Mrs. Dane Mr. Brough
Mrs. Bulson Porter Miss Susie Vaughan
Janet Colquhoun Miss Brenda Gibson
Lady Astney Miss Temple

Elsewhere it is announced that *The Magistrate*, Pinner's best farce, will be played on Tuesday and Friday, to be followed by *The Sowing of the Wind* on Thursday and Friday, to be followed by *The Lions* next Saturday. The box-plans for all these plays are now open at Robinson's.

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

1st March, 1st Sunday, in Lent.

Matins (11 a.m.).

Responses, Ferial; Venite, Godson; Psalme, Wesley, Hopkins and Monk; Benedictus, Winchester in E flat; Jubilate, Hayes in F; Anthem, "Turn Thy face from my sins," T. Attwood; Hymn, 84; Kyrie, Schubert in G; Offertory Hymn, 259.

Even-song (5.45 p.m.).

Responses, Ferial; Psalms, Purcell, Cooke and Tucker; Magnificat, Smart in E (14th E); Nunc Dimittis, Macfarren in D (3th M); Hymn, 92, 183 and 251; Vesper Hymn, Ward (No. 1).

S. PETER'S CHURCH.

(Corner of Des Voeux Road West and Western Street)

Matins (11 a.m.).

Hymn, 103; Venite, Croft; Te Deum, Fawes; Benedictus, Woodward; Hymns, 62, 13, and 534.

Holy Communion, 12.30.

Even-song (6.30 p.m.).

Hymn, 103; Nunc Dimittis, Battishill; Hymn, 63 S.H., 14 S.H., and 533.

The Mission launch *Dayspring* will visit the ships between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m. and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier at 10.30 and 6 to bring friends ashore to the services returning afterwards. The "Answering Peacock" is the call flag. All the settings are free and unappropriated. Strangers welcome.

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, 27th February.

IN ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE) AND COMMANDER BASIL R. H. TAYLOR (ASSISTANT).

STEAMER v. JUNK.

Evidence was continued in the case in which the steamer *Edair* sued licensed cargo-junk No. 711 for damages arising out of a collision on 5th November, 1902, in Capricorn Pass.

Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C. (instructed by Mr. Page, Hett, of Messrs. Monsey & Bruton, solicitors), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almada e Castro, solicitor), for the defendant.

His Lordship in delivering judgment said the facts were undisputed that a collision occurred between the junk and the steamer near the entrance to Capricorn Pass. It was equally clear that in the ordinary course of things it was the duty of a steamer to keep out of the way of a sailing-ship. In order to facilitate the performance of that duty on the part of a steamer, the Merchant Shipping Act provided that every junk when it is under way shall have displayed a white light clearly visible all round at a height of not less than ten feet from the water. It need hardly be said that on a dark night if a junk went sailing along without any light it was almost impossible for a steamer to perform the duty thrown upon them in the first place of keeping out of the way of sailing-ships. They could not always keep out of the way of a thing which was not seen within a reasonable distance or until almost the moment of collision. Calculating from the joint speeds at which the steamer and the junk were travelling, the evidence of the *Edair* people was that they did not see the junk until something like 25 or 30 seconds before the collision. On the other hand the junk people said they saw the steamer's white and red lights about 1,600 yards off but did not see the hull of the steamer until 400 yards off. If the junk people saw the light of the steamer they knew the precise spot to look for her hull. The question resolved itself into this: was there or was there not a light on the junk? Of six witnesses from the steamer, four stated definitely that there was no light on the junk, and their evidence was partially corroborated by the other two, who, however, were not looking out before the collision. Three people from the junk stated that there was a light on the junk. One of these was the seaman who looked after the lights; he said that he hoisted it himself and that two people told him to hoist it that night. His Lordship was inclined to think that this last statement was an afterthought and an exaggeration, and that this man was not speaking truly. As a jury, his Lordship said, he would be inclined on the whole to find in favour of the steamer, for he could not help thinking that, if there had been a proper light on the junk, the people on the steamer would have seen it earlier than they did. His assessor and himself found that there was no light on the junk. Now, this case was differentiated from other cases by an extraordinary state of things. When the steamer went after the junk and picked her up, the people on board the steamer did what they had not the slightest right to do and what laid them open to a very heavy penalty under the Shipping Act. Their whole conduct was extremely billy-ragging and improper. They had a perfect right to lay by the junk, shadow her, and then to take any action they might think proper when they got back to Hongkong. But instead of that the steamer people went on board the junk and tied her up to the steamer and towed her to Hongkong. The towing was not so bad, as although the junk people objected to it at first, there was latterly a sort of consent on the part of the junk people. But the steamer people had no right to go on board whatever. Then there came an extraordinary passage in the case which he thought was unique in his experience. The junk people positively said that when the steamer people came on board the junk one of them, a man in authority, said, "Pull down the lighted lamp from the masthead and we will say that they had no light." Two witnesses said they heard this said. He was bound to say that he did not believe the story, for it would be such an awful criminal act that he could not convict a man at all on such evidence. It seemed to him grossly improbable. It was just possible that a wicked man might pull down the lamp under such circumstances but he would be an arrant fool as well as a scoundrel were he to proclaim it before the crew and the numerous passengers on both vessels. His assessor and himself agreed, each acting as a separate and independent jurymen, that there was no light on the junk. He was going to mark his sense of the wrongful action of the steamer's people in going on board the junk and doing what they did by disallowing their costs. They went on board the junk and forcibly took away with them a lamp, the identification of which had caused an immense amount of trouble. The result of his decision was that he found for the plaintiff, that the collision was occasioned by the fault of the junk and not by the fault of the *Edair*, the fault being that the junk had not any proper light up, and he did not think the steamer could be held liable as being able to avoid collision after she saw the junk; but he did not give the plaintiff any costs because he considered that the conduct of those on board the *Edair* in taking that lamp away and generally their conduct in going on board the junk and doing what they did was grossly improper and had very much compounded the case in order to share his disapproval of it, he disallowed them their costs. There would be the usual enquiry as to damages.

The Court rose at 5.30 p.m.

ANDREW CARNEGIE.

Mr. W. T. Stead writes upon "Mr. Carnegie as I Know Him," in the *Young Man* for January. He says:—Mr. Andrew Carnegie, as I know him, is one of the pleasantest, jolliest, and most good-natured of mortals. He is in his sixtieth year, and he is as if he were a lad of seventeen in all simple, healthy, and natural amusements. He has kept his youth extraordinarily well; there is a robust boyishness about him which is very remarkable for a man of his years. The possession of his enormous fortune, which he accumulated in the course of a lifetime at the rate of about a million a year, does not weigh him down in the least. "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown" does not apply to this uncrowned modern king of the modern world. He is as chirpy as a cock-sparrow, and seems to feel the weight of his responsibilities no more than if he were a bird.

SPORTING NOTES.

When I wrote last week with reference to the recent race meeting in Hongkong, I certainly did not anticipate that so much feeling would be raised about the matter as there evidently has been, judging from the correspondence in the *Daily Press* under the heading of "Racing in Hongkong." Nor do I think that the correspondence was a natural corollary of my remarks. Mr. Morgan Phillip's letter in Thursday's issue does not at all events allege that there was anything offensive in what I stated last week. It is the opinion of many people among whom I am content to be classed, that the accumulation of horses in the leading stable did not prejudicially to the interest in several events. But this does not show that the leading stable was to blame. On the contrary, it might be taken to show that the other stables gave way unduly to "funk." The interest which our best rider takes in racing should, properly speaking, stimulate the sport. That the reverse seems to be the result is Hongkong's misfortune. I only wish that the gentlemen in question had more followers.

The rather long delayed programme of the April Meeting has now been published, and if only owners of animals would pluck up heart there should be a chance of a successful meeting. The Jockey Club would have been wiser had it given a little more detailed notice of the forthcoming affair, but, after all, horse and pony owners do not so much want to criticise the Stewards as to take advantage of the opportunities offered them. I still think that an April meeting is too near to the great annual event to make it worth while for those with a little money to spare to keep their horses in training or buy what they can at auction. But a one-day race meeting should at least offer better sport than the ordinary gymkhana out here.

To-day's leading cricket match is "Over 30." Under 30, and the juniors have a heavy defeat to wipe out, the previous match on the 11th October last having ended in a victory for the older men by 82 runs on the first innings—189 to 107 were the scores. On that occasion the brilliant Lt. France-Hayhurst took the opportunity of putting together 106, only one run less than the other side's whole innings, while Capt. Fawcett captured 6 wickets of the "Under 30" team for only 21 runs. The teams for to-day's match appear in other column, and it is to be hoped that a closer game will result. The "younger men" of Hongkong ought to be tried by now of hearing of their lack of sport.

Footballers to-day will have an opportunity of witnessing a Rangly match—one of the last of the Rugby season, I expect—the H.K.F.C., meeting a combination of the *Ocean* and *Talbot*. The Club has recently suffered heavy losses, Graham and Paddy having injured his collar-bone in the last game he took part in. What this means to the Club's back formation will readily be appreciated by those who have followed the doings of the Rugby team. There are a lot of capable players in the selected team, but the vacancies can hardly be said to be adequately filled, especially as two or three forwards are also missing.

It was a welcome sight to see the Hongkong Hockey Club winning two matches in succession this week, even if the victories were gained at the expense of two of the weaker naval teams. The Club had to contend with a certain want of homogeneity in its sides, and the combination has thereby suffered. There is no doubt it should have stood higher in the list with a less variable eleven. Running two teams, moreover, was a plucky but doubtfully advantageous experiment.

Owing to the deeply regretted death of Dr. Canton, two of the players who were down to appear in the International polo match last Saturday could not turn up, and the match between England and Scotland was scratched. Scotland could not put in a full team to-day, so in consequence the draw has been revised and England will meet Ireland in the first round this afternoon. The teams will be—England—Light, Kitchener, Keller, and Smith; Ireland—May, Thorncroft, Steen, and Lambkin. The winners will meet the Scottish

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Hongkong, 27th February, 1903. [671]

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1903. [652]

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By Order,

G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

Sanitary Board Room,

Hongkong, 14th February, 1903. [639]

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Author of "*McLintal*," "*John Herring*," etc.

CHAPTER XVIII.

WILD NATURE.
The rudeness that hath appeared in me, have I learned from my mother.

Third Night, Act I, sc. 5.

When Chris entered the parsonage in Bala-way Place, she passed a man, who was leaving, who, as she judged, was a doctor; and on being shown into the parlor she found her cousin in tears.

"What is the matter, Martha?"

"I have just been told that I must leave town, and be away for some months."

"Well, that is no crying matter."

"But there is my work, and I cannot bear to leave that."

"Now, Martha," said Chris, abruptly turning round a chair, and planting herself beside the door, and announced that a gentleman in a cab outside in the street would be glad to know whether I should be able to induce you to accept it, but now I shall force it on you, and shall accept it *bon gré mal gré*. You must go into the country and stay with my aunt Laura Dement, who, I am convinced, will receive you, and during your absence, whilst you are gathering roses for your cheeks, and focussing sunlight on your eyes to bring the sparkle back, I will take charge of your club, and work it to the best of my poor ability."

"You do not realize what you would undertake."

"I think I do. That is to say, I have a rough idea of the undertaking."

"The girls," said Martha; "as they come to us are animals. They are brought up from infancy to use the most horrible language, such as sounds on every side in their ears. They are familiarised with the most brutal forms of evil from their cradles. They have no regard for their parents, and flout them to their faces. They get beaten in their homes by drunken fathers, and sworn at by intemperate mothers. But, indeed, they have not bones, only hairs."

The street is their playground, and their only notion of sport is horseplay. When I started on my club, they rolled over one another on the floor, pulling each other's hair, swearing and cursing."

"You paint them in dark colours, Martha." I paint them with a brush dipped in nature's colour box. They are animals, but not mere animals. They have good in them. They are affectionate, they are good-humoured. And they are marvellously cheerful amidst the most depressing surroundings and in the most adverse circumstances.

"A change of fashion, the failure of a firm, depression in trade, will throw them out of work, and leave them on the verge of starvation."

"The inexorable rent-collector comes round, and unless the rent is paid, they are thrust forth into the street. They face the most terrible trouble with a good courage; though their cheeks be haggard with want; they never lose hope. But that there is good in them you know."

"Yes—what else would have induced them to surrender my watch and purse?"

"The divine image is beauteous and battered and almost past recognition, but with patience it may be made to shine forth. It can be done, it is done, and that is the joy of the work."

"But will they come to your club?"

"At first starting they were shy and unwilling, but now we could have more than we can accommodate. The club-houses are the bright spots in their dull lives. They would not wish them on any account. The club does not interfere with family life, for they have no family life, no home as we understand the word. They must have the club or the gutter."

"How often do you have club-nights?"

"Thrice in the week. On Saturdays they have their marketing. On two evenings we expect them to be assisting their mothers."

"And what are your rules?"

"They are few and simple—a half-penny a week, and prompt obedience to the lady in charge."

"But do they not sometimes break out?"

"Yes, they break out, and then all your patience, tact and firmness are required. If you cannot get the rebel to submit, you must expel her. But whatever damage she may do, whatever violence she may have recourse to, never summon the police, that would be fatal, you must rely on yourself and God."

"By the way—how about religion?"

"Let that be in your heart, and not on your lips. We have to civilise, to make the poor creatures human, before we can Christianise. The soil must be broken up before you can sow the seed. The one quality in you they will respect is not your ladylike ways, nor your kindness, but your firmness. Never yield, but be tactful. And there must be no favouritism."

"There you hit me hard. I have a favourite already, and that is Brice."

"She is not in the club."

"But she may come in when I am there."

"Show no preference in the club. Outside does not matter, as they know you owe a debt of gratitude to Brice. You will find the girls thoroughly independent and free from servility. They belong to numerous social cliques, which, of course, you cannot recognise. For instance, the feather-cutters consider herself distinctly above the worker in the Bowler factory. In the same way the box-makers are above the plate-cutters; but each, and all, are ready to recognise superior knowledge, and better manners, and respecting it without in the slightest dropping any of their very independent spirit."

"How do you spend your evenings?"

"There are classes for the girls, reading, musical drill, needlework, and dancing."

"Dancing?"

"You must have it. It gives them healthy exercise, and they are quite happy with each other as partners. I have recently started simple cooking, and they are as keen as mustard on that."

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LONDON	PINOSUEY	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th April.
LONDON	JASON	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th April.
LONDON	NESTOR	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th March.
LIVERPOOL	DEDICATION	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd April.
LIVERPOOL	PHARAOH	Brit. str.	—		NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day.
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MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP V. SPORE, &c.	C. FRED. LAEISZ	Ger. str.	—	Fuchs	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 17th March.
REGENS, VIA PORTS OF CALL	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	—	von Doehren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th March.
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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 6th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PINGSUEY"	On 11th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OANFA"	On 21st March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MENELAUS"	On 25th March.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON VIA GENOA	"DIOME"	On 7th March.
LONDON	"MACHAON"	On 17th March.
LONDON VIA GENOA	"KINTUCK"	On 31st March.
LONDON	"PINGSUEY"	On 14th April.
LONDON	"JASON"	On 28th April.

LIVERPOOL BERTH.

LIVERPOOL	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LIVERPOOL	"NESTOR"	On 24th March.
LIVERPOOL VIA GENOA	"DEUCALION"	On 23rd April.

CONTINENTAL BERTH.

MARSEILLES and ANTWERP	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
	"PYREUS"	On 28th February.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST POINTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"OANFA"	On 23rd March.

The S.S. "KINTUCK" left Singapore on the 21st inst., and is expected here on the 27th inst. For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1903. [10-12]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"KWEILIN"	On 3rd March.
CHINKIANG	"SZECHUEN"	On 3rd March.
AMOY, SAMARANG and SOURABAYA	"SHANTUNG"	On 6th March.
CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 7th March.
MANILA	"SUNGKING"	On 11th March.
MANILA	"CHANGSHA"	On 11th March.
THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"CHANGSHA"	On 11th March.
KOBE	"CHINGTU"	On 16th March.

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

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Hongkong, 27th February, 1903. [11]

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Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships. Electric Light. Perfect Cuisine. Surgeon carried. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOE	SAILING DATE
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila Direct	On 6th Mar., at Noon.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila Direct	On 13th Mar., at Noon.
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty		

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1903. [17]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA
MANILA
LINE.

Largest and Fastest Steamers on the route. Excellent Accommodation. Cuisine Unexcelled. Unrivalled Speed. Fitted throughout with Electric Light. Doctor and Stewards carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3, Queen's Building, Ice House Street.

K. NAKASHIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1903. [478]

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIJIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 1st March.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 8th March.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"MAIDZURU MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 4th March.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"ANPING MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 11th March.

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for first-class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

All Steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mails, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered the highest class at Lloyd's.

Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon, at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.

By the Co.'s steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading are issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the Nippon Yulen Kaisha's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply to Company's local Branch Office at No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, Manager. [15]

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS
LONDON, &c.	BENGAL, A. L. Valentine	Noon, 29th February	Sea Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI and KOBE	MARAGON, G. Phillips, R.N.R.	About 29th February	Freight only.
SHANGHAI	VALETTA, W. B. Palmer	About 28th February	Freight or Passage.
LONDON and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	BANCA, E. P. Martin, R.N.R.	Noon, 4th March	Freight only.
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO and BOMBAY	TIRINTH, W. W. Cooke, R.N.R.	About 6th March	Freight only.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, and KOBE	JAYA, G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	About 8th March	Freight or Passage.

(Passing through the Inland Sea)

PASSENGER SEASON 1903.

FOR MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH and LONDON DIRECT

WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1903. [1]

THE RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR HAVRE, COPENHAGEN AND BALTIK PORTS.

THE Russian Steamer.

"KOREA."

Captain Fernitz, will leave for the above ports on or about the 2nd March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1903. [456]

FOR KOBE, NAGASAKI AND VLADIVOSTOCK.

THE Steamer.

"SAVORIA."

Captain Fernitz, will leave for the above ports on or about the 2nd March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1903. [611]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT PHILIPPINE PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1903.

"SHIMOSA" ... About 5th March.

"THORDIS" ... 18th March.

"AFRIEDE" ... 15th April.

"RICHMOND CASTLE" ... 30th April.

"SAGAMI" ... 15th May.

For Freight and further information, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1903. [349]

WING ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "CHU KONG" (Captain Mason).

DEPARTURES from Hongkong to Macao daily at 9 A.M. (Sunday included).

Departures from Macao to Hongkong daily at 5 P.M. (Sunday included).

This steamer is the fastest and has superior Cabin accommodation.

FARES:

1st Class ... \$2.00

2nd ... 1.00

3rd ... 0.50

Further Particulars may be obtained at the Office of

WING ON STEAMSHIP CO., No. 42, Bonham Strand West.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1903. [646]

CO. SEED CO.

Vegetable Seeds, Tree Seeds, Flower Seeds, Ornamental Trees, Shade Trees, Fruit Trees, Small Trees.

Exporters of Alfalfa, Clover and Grass Seeds, for the Garden.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The Hongkong Mail, with the American Mail of the 6th inst., left Yokohama on Thursday, the 26th inst., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 6th March.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	FROM	DATE
Canton	Hankow	Saturday, 28th, 7.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Tsingtao, Chefoo and Tientsin	Provo	Saturday, 28th, 9.00 A.M.
Hoihow, Singapore and Bangkok	Kohsinchang	Saturday, 28th, 9.00 A.M.
Moji	Wakasatatu Maru	Saturday, 28th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore	Wingkang	Saturday, 28th, 10.00 A.M.

Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents) ...
Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)

FOR	FROM	DATE
Manila	Loongsheng	Saturday, 28th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Hankow	Saturday, 28th, 1.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Provo	Saturday, 28th, 1.15 P.M.
Kunchuk and Shamsui	Kwankalee	Saturday, 28th, 2.00 P.M.
Amoy	Saundari	Saturday, 28th, 2.40 P.M.
Saigon	Victoria	Saturday, 28th, 2.00 P.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland (Or.)	Frithjof	Saturday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Bangkok	Indrapura	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Chowtae	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Amoy	Hongkong	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Nantao	Taishan	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Swstow, Amoy and Foochow	Tailes	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Hoihow, Singapore and Bangkok	Hoitan	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Kunchuk and Samsui	Chowfa	Sunday, 1 Mar., 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Tungkong	Sunday, 1 Mar., 9.00 A.M.
Nantao	Ponan	Sunday, 1 Mar., 9.00 A.M.
Hoichow and Haiphong	Tailes	Sunday, 1 Mar., 9.00 A.M.
Chinkung	Jacob Diedericksen	Monday, 2 Mar., 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Szechuan	Tuesday, 3 Mar., 5.00 P.M.
	Kwailin	Tuesday, 3 Mar., 4.00 P.M.

TO-DAY.
Sale, Embroideries, &c., Sales Rooms, Mr. Goo, P. Lammer, 11 a.m.
Sale, Household Furniture, No. 14, Wyndham Street, Messrs. Hughes & Rough, 2.30 p.m.
The Brough Comedy Co., Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

27th February.

ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer	16/2
Bank Bills, on demand	16/2	16/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	17/2	17/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	17/2	17/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	17/2	17/2
Documentary Bills, (months' sight)	17/2	17/2

ON PARIS.—	Bank Bills, on demand	19/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	20/2	20/2

ON GERMANY.—	On demand	16/2
Bank Bills, on demand	16/2	16/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	17/2	17/2

ON NEW YORK.—	Bank Bills, on demand	38/4
Credits, 60 days' sight	39/4	39/4

ON BOMBAY.—	Telegraphic Transfer	117
Bank, on demand	117	117

ON CALCUTTA.—	Telegraphic Transfer	117
Bank, on demand	117	117

ON SHANGHAI.—	Bank, at sight	53
Private, 30 days' sight	53	53

ON YOKOHAMA.—	On demand	77/4
Credit, 60 days' sight	78/4	78/4

ON MANILA.—	On demand	Par.
Credit, 60 days' sight	Par.	Par.

ON SINGAPORE.—	On demand	1/2 p.c. pm.
Credit, 60 days' sight	1/2 p.c. pm.	1/2 p.c. pm.

ON BATAVIA.—	On demand	94/4
Credit, 60 days' sight	95/4	95/4

ON HAIPHONG.—	On demand	2 p.c. pm.
Credit, 60 days' sight	2 p.c. pm.	2 p.c. pm.

ON SAIGON.—	On demand	1/2 p.c. pm.
Credit, 60 days' sight	1/2 p.c. pm.	1/2 p.c. pm.

ON BANGKOK.—	On demand	67
Credit, 60 days' sight	68	68
Bank, 10/2 fine, per tael	68/2	68/2
Bank, 10/2 fine, per tael	68/2	68/2
Bank, 10/2 fine, per tael	68/2	68/2

ON OPIUM.	26th February	1/2 p.c. pm.
Quotations are:— Allowance not to 1 cent.		
Malwa New \$890 to — per picul		
Malwa Old \$130 to \$160 "		
Malwa Older \$1070 to \$1100 "		
Malwa V. Old \$1110 to \$1130 "		
Persian fine quality 750 to — "		
Persian extra fine — to — "		
Patna New \$1050 to — per chest.		
Patna Old — to — "		
Burma New \$10274 to — "		
Burma Old — to — "		

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Indo-China steamer *Suisang*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst., at daylight.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The T.K.K. steamer *Hongkong Muru* left Yokohama for this port, via Inland Sea, &c., on the 22nd inst., a.m.

The O. & G. steamer *Doric* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 21st inst.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The Imperial German mail steamer *Pruessien* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai for this port on the 22nd inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 23rd.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Prinz Heinrich* left Colombo on the 22nd inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 23rd.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver on the 22nd inst., p.m., for this port via the Canadian Pacific.

THE O.S.S. steamer *Kintuck* left Singapore on the 21st inst.

The "Glen" Line steamer *Glenyle* left Shanghai